

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 4/29/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 54,57-61,64-70,73,74,95-101 and 104-107.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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 - ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date <u>4/29/05</u> . |
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Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The IDS filed March 14, 2005, is not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.97(d) and hence has been placed of record in the file.

Changed the title to – PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITION CONTAINING AN ACTIVE AGENT IN AN AMINO ACID COPOLYMER STRUCTURE--.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with J. Perez on April 29, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the abstract

Line 3, deleted "also has been",

Line 4, deleted "described",

Line 5, after "degradation" inserted –of the chemical compounds—,

Line 8, after "in" inserted –a--.

In the claims

Claim 54:

Line 3, deleted first occurrence of "polymer" and inserted –copolymer structure—and after "said amino acid" deleted "polymer" and inserted –copolymer--,

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Line 6, deleted "non-polar",

Line 7, deleted "polymer" and inserted --copolymer structure--;

Claim 57:

Line 2, deleted "polymer" and inserted --copolymer structure--;

Claim 58:

Line 2, deleted "polymer" and inserted --copolymer structure--;

Claim 59:

Line 2, deleted "polymer is" and inserted --copolymer structure contains

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Claim 63:

Canceled;

Claim 66:

Line 2, deleted first occurrence of "polymer" and inserted --copolymer structure--and further deleted "selected from a glutamic acid polymer and a glutamic acid/tyrosine co-polymer" and inserted --a copolymer of glutamic acid and tyrosine--;

Claim 67:

Line 2, deleted "polymer" and inserted --copolymer structure--;

Claim 68:

Line 2, deleted "polymer" and inserted --copolymer structure--;

Claim 69:

Line 2, deleted "polymer" and inserted --copolymer structure--;

Claim 70:

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Line 2, deleted "polymer" and inserted –copolymer structure--;

Claim 71:

Canceled;

Claim 72:

Canceled;

Claim 73:

Line 1, deleted "polymer" and inserted –copolymer structure--;

Claim 74:

Line 1, deleted "polymer" and inserted –copolymer structure--;

Claim 75:

Canceled;

Claim 95:

Line 3, deleted first occurrence of "polymer" and inserted –copolymer structure—and after "said amino acid" deleted "polymer" and inserted –copolymer--,

Line 6, deleted "non-polar",

Line 7, after "said amino acid" deleted "polymer" and inserted –copolymer structure--;

Claim 96:

Line 2, after "said amino acid" deleted "polymer" and inserted –copolymer structure" and further changed "co-polymer" to –copolymer--;

Claim 97:

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Line 2, after "said amino acid" deleted "polymer" and inserted "copolymer structure" and further changed "co-polymer" to "copolymer--";

Claim 98:

Line 2, deleted "claim 54 or"

Line 2, after "said amino acid" deleted "polymer" and inserted "copolymer structure" and further changed "co-polymer" to "copolymer—and further deleted "glutamine" and inserted "glutamic acid--";

Claim 99:

Line 2, after "said amino acid" deleted "polymer" and inserted "copolymer structure" and further changed "co-polymer" to "copolymer—and further deleted "glutamine" and inserted "glutamic acid--";

Claim 100:

Line 2, after "said amino acid" deleted "polymer" and inserted "copolymer structure—and further changed "co-polymer" to "copolymer--";

Claim 101:

Line 2, after "said amino acid" deleted "polymer" and inserted "copolymer structure—and further changed "co-polymer" to "copolymer--";

Claim 102:

Canceled;

Claim 103:

Canceled;

Claim 104:

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Line 2, after "said amino acid" deleted "polymer" and inserted –copolymer structure—and further changed "co-polymer" to –copolymer--;

Claim 105:

Line 2, after "said amino acid" deleted "polymer" and inserted –copolymer structure—and further changed "co-polymer" to –copolymer--;

Claim 106:

Line 2, after "said amino acid" deleted "polymer" and inserted –copolymer structure—and further changed "co-polymer" to –copolymer--;

Claim 107:

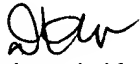
Line 2, after "said amino acid" deleted "polymer" and inserted –copolymer structure—and further changed "co-polymer" to –copolymer-- .


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Deborah K. Ware whose telephone number is 571-272-0924. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mike Wityshyn can be reached on 571-272-0926. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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